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2 SENATORS PROPOSE STUDY ON SPY'S FATE

Moynihan and Wallop Stress Loss
of High U.S. Agent in Soviet

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WASHINGTON, Sept. 10 — Two Senators requested today that the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence investigate charges that a senior Government official might have exposed the identity of a Soviet official who was a spy in Moscow for the United States, leading to the arrest and execution of the agent.

Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan, the New York Democrat, and Senator Malcolm Wallop, Republican of Wyoming, members of the intelligence committee, sent a letter today to the committee's chairman and vice chairman asking for closed hearings to investigate "what appears to be a major intelligence failure."

The Senators asked for a broad inquiry into intelligence collection in the Soviet Union by agents in recent years as well as a specific investigation into allegations that a major source of intelligence information Moscow had been divulged by an Administration official.

The case, which has been the focus of Washington rumors and several press accounts in recent months, involves the activities of a Soviet official named Anatoly N. Filatov, who apparently operated as a high-level American spy.

Slip at Diplomatic Reception

According to one account circulating here, Mr. Filatov's identity as an American agent was exposed inadvertently by a senior official in the Carter Administration during a conversation at a Washington diplomatic reception.

A spokesman for the Central Intelligence Agency, which conducted its own investigation into the matter, said that there is "no evidence" to support such an allegation.

The Filatov case has also involved allegations that the former spy provided the Central Intelligence Agency with the copy of a cablegram sent from the Soviet Embassy in Washington in which Ambassador Anatoly F. Dobrynin supposedly quoted former Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger as being critical of Carter Administration proposals to limit nuclear arms.

Mr. Kissinger has vigorously denied suggestions that he encouraged the Soviet Union to reject President Carter's 1977 bargaining position on nuclear arms negotiations.

There is disagreement within the intelligence community on the authenticity of the Dobrynin cable. Some analysts think it might be Soviet "disinformation."

A spokesman for the Senate Intelligence Committee said today that there would likely be an investigation of the matter as requested by the two Senators. A formal decision to proceed will be considered by the committee when it meets later this week.

